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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN
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1. IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 12, 1978 TO CONGRESSMAN
ZABLOCKI, MARTIN ENNALS SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL MAKES FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DEPARTMENT'S
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON PAKISTAN:

-- SIMILARLY, THERE ARE INSTANCES IN WHICH THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT,
ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF VISITS BY
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, APPEARS TO BE MISREPRE-
SENTED....ON PAKISTAN, THE RELEVANT SECTION GIVES THE
FALSE, FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
WAS INVITED TO INSPECT CONDITIONS IN THAT COUNTRY. IN
FACT, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR A
MISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IN EARLY DECEMBER
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1977, BUT WAS NOT INFORMED THAT THE MISSION WOULD RECEIVE
AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION UNTIL FOUR DAYS BEFORE IT WAS DUE
TO TAKE PLACE, IN LATE JANUARY 1978. THE REPORT ALSO
STATES, UNDER SECTION 1(D), THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
QUOTE HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT ANY OF THE COURTS AND
TRIBUNALS AND WAS TOLD, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,

THAT 'IF THEY FIND ANYTHING BEING DONE NOT FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF JUSTICE', THE PROBLEMS CAN BE 'RECTIFIED' UNQUOTE. NO STATEMENT OF THIS NATURE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BY PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES EITHER DURING OR SINCE THE MISSION TO THAT COUNTRY. IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS GIVEN TO THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, IN ASSESSING THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES, I FEEL THAT IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANT THAT THE ACCOUNT OF THOSE RELATIONS BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.

-- APART FROM THIS INACCURATE AND SOMETIMES MISLEADING USE OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION, AND OF RELATIONS BETWEEN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS, MY ORGANIZATION FEELS THAT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE PRESENT REPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ACCEPTED TOO UNCRITICALLY GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN VARIOUS

COUNTRIES, OR HAS OMITTED OR OVERLOOKED INFORMATION WHICH IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE. AS EXAMPLES I MIGHT CITE THE FOLLOWING....THE SECTION ON PAKISTAN STATES THAT THE MILITARY REGIME QUOTE IS ENCOURAGING FAIR PUBLIC TRIALS, UNQUOTE AND THAT THE QUOTE RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL IS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND HONOURED IN PRACTICE; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNQUOTE THIS OMITS TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THE RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL DOES NOT EXIST BEFORE SUMMARY MILITARY TRIBUNALS, WHICH NOW TRY THE MAJORITY OF POLITICAL CASES IN PAKISTAN.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE POINTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP ANY INFORMATION OR COMMENTS WHICH EMBASSY WOULD CARE TO OFFER. CHRISTOPHER

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